

HOUSE BILL 3523
By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 30, relative to certain excused
absences from school.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, is amended by
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 49-6-3052.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a student's parent,
custodian, or other person with legal custody or control of the student is a member of the United
States armed forces, including a member of a state national guard or a reserve component
called to federal active duty, a public school principal shall give the student:

- (1) An excused absence for one (1) day when the member is deployed; and
- (2) An additional excused absence for one (1) day when the service member
returns from deployment.

(b) A student receiving an excused absence under this section shall have the opportunity
to make up school work missed and shall not have his or her class grades adversely affected for
lack of class attendance or class participation due to the excused absence.

(c) A student receiving an excused absence under this section shall be considered
present in school during the excused absence for the purposes of calculating average daily
attendance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.